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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Markus GEBHARDT et al. ) Examiner: NOT YET ASSIGNED  
Application No. 09/925,294 ) Art Unit 3753  
Filed: August 9, 2001 ) Our Account No. 04-1403  
Confirmation No. 2677 )  
For: LEVEL LIMIT VALVE )

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STATEMENT OF INVENTOR PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2)

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Sir:

I, Thomas Theuer, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany, residing at Am Frauenwald 1,  
~~D-91575~~ <sup>91757</sup> Treuchtlingen, GERMANY.
2. I am a joint inventor of the above-identified application.
3. My name was not listed as an inventor on the original declaration of inventorship  
for the above-identified application signed by Markus Gebhardt, Helmut Kalb,  
Gunter Strauß, and Stephan Kirchdorfer.
4. This error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on my part.
5. I further declare that all statements made herein are true; and that all statements  
were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made  
are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 1011 of Title 18 of the

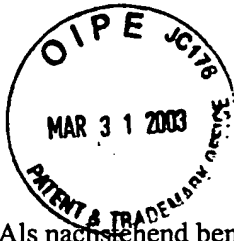
United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereon.

X 11-03-2008  
Date

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Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application  
Erklärung Für Patentanmeldungen Mit Vollmacht  
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a)(2)

Als nachstehend benannter Erfinder erkläre ich hiermit an  
Eides Statt:

dass mein Wohnsitz, meine Postanschrift, und meine Staats-  
angehörigkeit den im Nachstehenden nach meinem Namen  
aufgeführten Angaben entsprechen,

dass ich, nach bestem Wissen der ursprüngliche, erste und  
alleinige Erfinder (falls nachstehend nur ein Name  
angegeben ist) oder ein ursprünglicher, erster und  
Miterfinder (falls nachstehend mehrere Namen aufgeführt  
sind) des Gegenstandes bin, für den dieser Antrag gestellt  
wird und für die Erfindung mit dem Titel:  
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deren Beschreibung  
(zutreffendes ankreuzen)

- ☐ hier beigefügt ist.
- ☒ am August 9, 2001 unter der  
Anmeldungsseriennummer  
09/925,294 eingereicht wurde und am  
\_\_\_\_\_ abgeändert wurde  
(falls tatsächlich abgeändert).

Ich bestätige hiermit, dass ich den Inhalt der obigen  
Patentanmeldung einschliesslich der Ansprüche  
durchgesehen und verstanden habe, die eventuell durch  
einen Zusatzantrag wie oben erwändert wurde.

Ich erkenne meine Pflicht zur Offenbarung irgendwelcher  
Informationen, die für die Prüfung der vorliegenden  
Anmeldung in Einklang mit Absatz 37, Bundesgesetzbuch,  
Paragraph 1.56(a) von Wichtigkeit sind, an.

Ich beanspruche hiermit ausländische Prioritätsvorteile  
gemäss Abschnitt 35 der Zivilprozessordnung der  
Vereinigten Staaten, Paragraph 119 aller unten angegebenen  
Auslandsanmeldungen für ein Patent oder eine  
Erfindersurkunde, und habe auch alle Auslandsanmeldungen  
für ein Patent oder eine Erfindersurkunde nachstehend  
gekennzeichnet, die ein Anmeldung liegt, für die Priorität  
beansprucht wird.

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as  
stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if  
only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint  
inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject  
matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on  
the invention entitled:  
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the specification of which  
(check one)

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on August 9, 2001 as  
Application Serial No. 09/925,294 and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the  
contents of the above-identified specification, including the  
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is  
material to the examination of this application in accordance  
with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35,  
United States Code, § 119 of any foreign applications(s) for  
patent for inventor's certificate listed below and have also  
identified below any foreign application for patent or  
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Prior foreign applications  
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Ich beanspruche hiermit gemäss Absatz 35 der Zivilprozessordnung der Vereinigten Staaten, Paragraph 120, den Vorzug aller unten aufgeführten Anmeldungen und falls der Gegenstand aus jedem Anspruch dieser Anmeldung nicht in einer früheren amerikanischen Patentanmeldung laut dem ersten Paragraphen des Absatzes 35 der Zivilprozessordnung der Vereinigten Staaten, Paragraph 112 offenbart ist, erkenne ich gemäss Absatz 37, Bundesgesetzbuch, Paragraph 1.56(a) meine Pflicht zur Offenbarung von Informationen an, die zwischen dem Anmeldedatum der früheren Anmeldung und dem nationalen oder PCT internationalen Anmeldedatum dieser Anmeldung bekannt geworden sind.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>                    </u> (Application Serial No.) (Anmeldeseriennummer)	<u>                    </u> (Filing Date) (Anmeldedatum)	<u>                    </u> (Status) (patentiert, anhängig, aufgegeben)	<u>                    </u> (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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Ich erkläre hiermit, dass alle von mir in der vorliegenden Erklärung gemachten Angaben nach meinem besten Wissen und Gewissen der vollen Wahrheit entsprechen, un dass ich diese eidesstattliche Erklärung in Kenntnis dessen abgebe, dass wissentlich und vorsätzlich falsche Angaben gemäss Paragraph 1001, Absatz 18 der Zivilprozessordnung der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika mit Geldstrafe belegt und/oder Gefängnis bestraft werden koennen, und dass derartig wissentlich und vorsätzlich falsche Angaben die Gültigkeit der vorliegenden Patentanmeldung oder eines darauf erteilten Patentes gefährden können.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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(Name unter Registrationsnummer anführen)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.  
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Voller Name des zweiten Miterfinders (falls zutreffend):	Full name of second inventor, if any HELMUT KALB
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Staatsangehörigkeit	Citizenship German
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Staatsangehörigkeit	Citizenship German
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Unterschrift des Erfinders                      Datum	Fourth Inventor's signature                      Date
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Voller Name des zweiten Miterfinders (falls zutreffend):	Full name of fifth inventor, if any THOMAS THEUER
Unterschrift des Erfinders                      Datum	Fifth Inventor's signature                      Date <i>THOMAS THEUER 11-03-2003</i>
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Staatsangehörigkeit	Citizenship German
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(Supply similar information and signature for third and subsequent joint inventors).

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DECLARATION OF ASSIGNEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.48(a) and 3.73(b)

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, MARKUS GEBHARDT, do hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of Germany, residing at WEISENBURG.
2. I am an employee of Alfmeier Präzision AG, Baugruppen und Systemlösungen, which is the Assignee of the above-identified patent application. My official title is CEO.
3. I have been granted authority on behalf of Alfmeier Präzision AG, Baugruppen und Systemlösungen to act on behalf of Alfmeier Präzision AG, Baugruppen und Systemlösungen in matters relating to patents and patent applications.
4. I declare that Alfmeier Präzision AG, Baugruppen und Systemlösungen is the Assignee of the entire, right, title, and interest in the patent application entitled

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filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2001, and assigned Serial No. 09/925,294, by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 16, 2002, at Reel 013286, Frame 0647.

5. I do hereby give consent to add Thomas Theuer as an inventor to the above-identified patent application. I understand that this document will be submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office along with an Assignment and a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney of Thomas Theuer, so as to add him as an inventor.
6. I declare further that all statements made herein are true; and further that all statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under 1011 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereon.

Date

March 12, 2003

Signature:

Printed Name:

GERHARDT



ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Markus Gebhardt, residing at Bahnhofstr. 50, D-91757 Treuchtlingen, Germany; Helmut Kalb, residing at Wodanstraße 27, D-91154 Roth, Germany; Gunter Strauß, residing at Am Frauenwald 1, D-91757 Treuchtlingen, Germany; Stephan Kirchdorfer, residing at Graben 42, D-91757 Treuchtlingen, Germany; and Thomas Theuer, residing at Am Frauenwald 1, D-~~91575~~<sup>91757</sup> Treuchtlingen, Germany (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Assignors"), have made an invention entitled:

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which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2001, as Serial No. 09/925,294.

AND WHEREAS, Alfmeier Präzision AG, Baugruppen und Systemlösungen, Industriestr. 5, D-91757 Treuchtlingen, Germany, a German Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and under said Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefore in the United States.

AND WHEREAS, Markus Gebhardt, Helmut Kalb, Gunter Strauß, and Stephan Kirchdorfer have previously executed an Assignment of their rights in such invention and patent application to Alfmeier Präzision AG, Baugruppen und Systemlösungen, recorded on September 16, 2002 at Reel 013286, Frame 0647.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it know that in consideration of the payment by Assignee to the Assignor (Thomas Theuer) the sum of One Euro Dollar (EUR1.00), under the German Rules for Inventions, and for other good and valuable

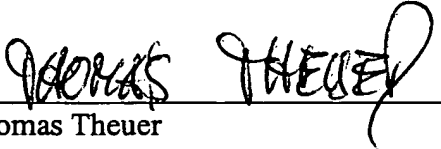
consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor hereby sells, assigns and transfers to the Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions for said invention by said application or any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal, substitute, reexamination, conversion or reissue thereof, including all extensions thereof, or any legal equivalent thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including any and all convention rights.


The Assignor hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

The Assignor further covenants that the Assignor will promptly provide, upon written request, Assignee with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to the Assignor and that he will promptly execute and deliver to Assignee or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, or obtain, maintain, issue, extend and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof in any foreign country which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Assignor has executed this document on the date

indicated below:

  
Thomas Theuer

  
Date